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To. Wendell Phillips, Wm. L. Garrison & Francis Jackson, Trustees named in the 16th Article of the Will of Charles F. Hovey, late of Boston.

Gentlemen.

In the said 16th article, the testator above-named holds the following language: "I direct my said Trustees, to hold all the rest and residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, in special trust for the following purposes, namely; to pay over out of the interest and principal of said special trust, a sum not less than eight thousand dollars annually", &c. &c. "to use and spend at their discretion, for the promotion of the Anti-Slavery cause and other reforms, such as Womans Rights, Non-Resistance", &c.

In article 17th the language is, "for the promotion of Non-Resistance" &c; and again, in the same article, "for the promotion of Womans Rights, Non-Resistance", &c.

In article 22nd the testator says, "I have borne my testimony against slavery, intemperance, war, tariff", &c.

Although the principles of the American Peace Society may not embrace all the distinct propositions of the term Non-Resistance yet, on the maxim that the greater includes the less, our principles, that is, the principles of the American Peace Society, are all included in the idea of Non-Resistance. The benefactions, therefore proposed by the testator, must include the cause of Peace.

But in article 22nd he is more distinct, and all doubts, if there be any, must here vanish. He says, "I have borne my testimony against slavery, intemperance, war," &c. The cause of Peace, which is the opposite of war, must be, then, one of the reforms contemplated by him in his benefactions.

In the name of, and in behalf of the American Peace Society. I therefore, respectfully request of the Trustees to take our

cause into consideration and to make our Society an annual donation. Our Society is too well known to you, to make it necessary for me to go into a history of our operations, or an exposition of our principles, or the great object we aim to accomplish. I will only say, that the accomplishment of our object would strike a severe, if not a death blow to some of the evils Mr. Hovey so properly and so inveterately hated. It has been hinted to me that there would be no impropriety in naming a sum. I would therefore name $500, as an annual donation, which is only one sixteenth part of the $8,000. We could profitably use double this amount.

Perhaps there was no man in this country held in higher estimation by all men cherishing the peculiar sentiments held by Mr. Hovey, than Judge Jay, late President of the American Peace Society. He was an ardent Abolitionist, and never would have consented to act for so many years as President of our Society, if there had been any thing in the principles, practices, or tendencies of our Society, inimical to the kindred reforms, repealedly named by Mr. Hovey in his Will.

If the question, "What is the Peace Cause doing?" should arise, I reply, it is doing as much as any Society engaged in any of the Reforms named by Mr Hovey is doing. But to answer this question more satisfactorily, I refer you to the accompanying tract. Will you be so kind as to read it?

As I am well known to you, perhaps it is hardly necessary for me to say, that I am, and have been, for ten or twelve years, the Recording Secretary — one of the Executive Committee — and one of the Directors of the American Peace Society; and have been engaged from time to time, in soliciting subscriptions and donations for the Society.

Respectfully Yours,
Wm. C. Brown.